

Minutes
Inter Agency Coordinating Committee Meeting
March 18, 2003

IACC DUTY STATEMENT: The primary duties of the IACC organization are to 1) Improve interagency coordination and to promote Statewide consistency in NPS Programs; 2) To promote a watershed approach in addressing NPS pollution; 3) To provide a forum for resolving policy and programmatic conflicts among agencies.

MARCH MEETING GOAL STATEMENT: To share one successful IACC agency activity (SLC/DPR Assessment)¹, and to move into the second stage of 5-Year Implementation Plan, and Progress Reporting.

ATTENDEES: Diana Henriouille-Henry RWQCB-1, Al Wanger CCC, Derek Lee CCC, Lisa Sniderman BCDC, Gary Fregien DPR, Jim Suero DPR, Diane Edwards SWRCB-DWQ, Cookie Hirn SWRCB-DFA, Michael August DPR, Cy Oggins CSLC, BG Tackett SWRCB-DFA, Valerie Van Way CSLC, Lori Webber RWQCB-5, Claudia Moore CIWMB, Trinda Bedrossian DOC, Barbara Todd, CDFA, William Foster SWRCB-DFA, Carson Cox SWRCB-DFA, Clay Brandow CDF, Jessie Smith SWRCB-DWQ, Margie Lopez Read SWRCB-DWQ, Hamid Nasl SWRCB-DWQ

Telephone Attendees: Caren Trgovcich DTSC, Steve Fagundes SWRCB-DWQ, Dale Hopkins RWQCB-2, Nadim Zewyar RWQCB-7, Sorrell Marks RWQCB-3, Raymond Jay RWQCB-4, Talitha Sweaney RWQCB-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements made at the IACC meeting included the following information:

- Support letter for the NPS 5-Year Planning: This letter, signed by Winston Hickox and Mary Nichols, was sent out to all Resources agencies, CalEPA agencies, as well as DOHS, DOT, and Food & Ag. If any IACC agency member needs a copy of the signed document in order to leverage more support from their management to develop the 5-year plan, please contact Margie Lopez Read.
- Strategic Plan Update: The Steering Committee for the Watershed Management Strategic Plan is in the final stages of producing a draft Strategic Plan for public comment. The Plan will most certainly be distributed to IACC Agency Members for the comments and suggestions. This is critical to continue to promote cooperative collaboration on a Statewide scale, as is the practice of the IACC.
- California Watershed Assessment Manual (CWAM): This new project, funded by the CDF Fire & Resource Assessment Program, and implemented by UCD, is being done to assist watershed groups, local agencies and others in the development of a 'toolbox' of approaches and protocols appropriate for analyzing a variety of natural resources issues in creek and river basins throughout the State. If anyone has information to contribute, or is interested in learning more regarding this CWAM development, please contact Fraser Shilling at UCD at 530-752-5783.
- USEPA Results WorkGroup: This national Work Group has been formed to develop tools to assess the effectiveness of the national NPS program, as mandated by the federal

OMB. Three subgroups have been formed to help formulate both long and short-term goals for the NPS program, as well as performance measures to evaluate success. Through the SWRCB, California is participating in all three subgroups of the Results Work Group, in order to provide information at the federal level regarding important issues, goals and performance measures that are unique to California. For more information contact Jessie Smith.

- CASQA BMP Training: The California Stormwater Quality Association will be holding workshops during the month of April in Sacramento, Oakland, San Diego, Ontario, and Downey to introduce their new BMP Handbooks. Training will include their new Construction Activity Handbook, New Development and Redevelopment Handbook, Municipal Handbook, and Industrial Handbook. Information and training application form has been forwarded to IACC members by Al Wanger.

STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND STATE PARKS ASSESSMENT PROJECT

A presentation by Cy Oggins of CSLC and Jim Suero of DPR was given regarding their SLC and SPR site characterization project. The Power Point presentation was sent out to all IACC members. If anyone is interested in more information, please contact Cy Oggins or Jessie Smith, SWRCB.

FIRST 5-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT STRATEGY

The strategy for developing the first 5-Year Progress Report (1998-2003) was discussed. The SWRCB is in the process of manually entering significant activities that were included in the first 5-Year plan into a new database that will be used for progress reporting. The database will be converted to EXCEL and each IACC agency will receive activities for which they have been described as 'Lead Agency' (in the first plan.) There will be just a few fields that will require entry by your agencies, and the form will be sent to you within a few days. Return of the information to SWRCB will need to be before April 30.

SECOND STAGE OF 5-YEAR PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Category Objectives: Category Objectives and performance measures are reaching the final draft stages. These were distributed at the meeting. Any comments or suggestions should be sent to Jessie Smith (for Agriculture), Margie Lopez Read (for Forestry), Al Wanger (for Urban), Diane Edwards (for Marinas), and Derek Lee (for Hydromodification and Wetlands).
- 5-Year Plan Schedule. The schedule for submittal of final draft 5-year plans from the agencies has not changed. Final drafts with agency approvals will be necessary by April 30th. This will give the SWRCB and CCC sufficient time to compile and coordinate the information, prepare narrative summaries, and other details necessary before June submittal to USEPA and NOAA, as a final draft plan. Within a few days agencies will receive a new version of the 5-Year Plan database which will be reflective of the comments that were made at this IACC meeting and previous discussions. The idea of an IACC celebration was also briefly discussed. Finalization of the 5-year implementation plan will certainly warrant such an event.

- Reporting needs: Report styles for the 5-Year Plan as well as summaries that can be used to solicit approvals from agency department managers were discussed. Some changes and improvements were noted and will be incorporated into the revised database. The most concern was expressed about the 'budget information tab' on the database. This will be discussed and improved over time, but for now, please note that this information is low-priority in terms of what needs to be submitted. All the other information regarding agency activity is much more necessary. Please keep this in mind when you are preparing your final draft, and if funding information is causing concern with your agency, leave it blank.

NEXT MEETING: May 20, 2003.